

HOUSE RESOLUTION 302
By Brown

A RESOLUTION to commend James Robert "Bob" Sowell for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, James Robert "Bob" Sowell is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie Brown; Bob's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by peers, Bob Sowell has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Bob Sowell graduated from Greenbrier High School in 1960, and he attended David Lipscomb College from 1960-1961, Austin Peay College in 1964, and Volunteer State Community College from 1985-2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sowell served with acumen and alacrity as a Conductor at CSX Railroad from 1961-2002, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the American entrepreneurial spirit, Bob Sowell owned and operated Hometown Heating and Plumbing for fifteen years, and he worked part-time as a farmer for twenty-five years, a testament to his diligent and tireless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous worthy organizations, Mr. Sowell was a member of the United Transportation Union from 1961-2002, a Counselor for the

Boy Scouts from 1956-1960, a Sumner County Officer of Election in 1990, and a Field Supervisor for the United States Census Bureau in 2000; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Sowell is a member of the Order of the Arrow and an Eagle Scout, and he has been named to the Dean's List in recognition of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, fighting to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear, Bob Sowell served in the United States Army 101st Airborne Division from 1964 to 1966 as a Specialist 4 Clerk, and he received an Army Commendation Medal for his dutiful service; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active and faithful member of his church, where he serves as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, his many academic and professional accomplishments aside, Bob Sowell is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-two years, Mary, and their marriage has been blessed with two wonderful children, James Timothy Sowell and Melissa Lee Sowell Puri; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sowell epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Bob Sowell brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary service as an intern, Mr. Sowell was able to observe the legislative process first-hand, gaining invaluable practical knowledge of the methods and operations of state government, allocation and distribution of funds, and committee and subcommittee processes and procedures; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Bob Sowell has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sowell has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend James Robert "Bob" Sowell for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie Brown and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.